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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of )  
Sprint Communications Company LP )  
Section 63.71 Application for the )  
Discontinuance of Local Service )

APPLICATION

Sprint Communications Company LP ("Sprint"), pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, hereby respectfully submits the above-captioned application to discontinue its provision of local service to both residential and business customers served by the Pleasantville wire center of Verizon-New York Inc. ("Verizon").<sup>1</sup> Sprint currently provides local service to these customers using the Unbundled Network Element-Platform ("UNE-P") offering of Verizon. However, Verizon will discontinue offering UNE-P upon conversion of its Pleasantville wire center switch from circuit to packet later this year. Thus, Sprint has determined that it would be more cost effective to discontinue offering local service to customers impacted by Verizon's circuit to packet switch conversion rather than migrate these customers to an alternative local service arrangement such as resale or unbundled local element - loop (UNE-L) service.

The information required by Section 63.71(b) to be included in an application for

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discontinuance filed with the Commission is set forth below. Sprint understands that its application will be automatically granted on the 31<sup>st</sup> date following the release date of the Public Notice of Sprint's discontinuance application without further action from the Commission unless the Commission advises Sprint to the contrary.

**A. Name and Address of Carrier**

Sprint Communications Company L.P.  
6360 Sprint Parkway,  
Overland Park, Kansas 66251

**B. Date of Planned Discontinuance**

On or about July 29, 2005, Sprint sent letters to each of its customers who will be affected by the discontinuance advising them that they should select a new local carrier by September 10, 2005. Those customers are also being informed that if they do switch their local service, they will lose local service from Sprint "on September 28, 2005 or as soon thereafter as practical." As stated, Sprint understands that it will not be allowed to discontinue service until the 30-day notice period begun upon the issuance of the Commission's Public Notice expires. Nonetheless, Sprint plans to end its provision of local service in the area served by Verizon's Pleasantville switch no later than September 30, 2005.

**C. Geographic Areas of Service Affected**

Pleasantville, New York

**D. Type of Service Affected**

Local service provided on through UNE-P interconnection.

**E. Method of Notice to Customers**

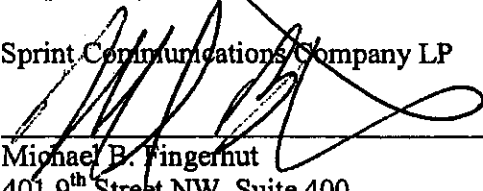
As stated, each of Sprint's business and residential customers received a letter on or about July 29, 2005 informing them of Sprint's decision to discontinue its provision of local service. Copies of these letters are attached.

**F. Regulatory Status of Applicant**

Sprint is a non-dominant carrier with respect to the service being discontinued.

Respectfully submitted,

Sprint Communications Company LP



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August 1, 2005



July 29, 2005

Sample A Sample  
1601 Burlington Ave  
Pleasantville, NY 10570-2928

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR ACCOUNT

Dear Customer:

We're contacting you and other Sprint Complete Sense<sup>SM</sup> customers to let you know that Sprint is planning to discontinue the Sprint Complete Sense service to certain customers in the Pleasantville, New York area. The discontinuance is made necessary by local network issues beyond Sprint's control. Sprint is simultaneously notifying the New York Public Service Commission and requesting permission from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to discontinue the service. Please make arrangements with another provider of local telecommunications services by September 10, 2005 in order to insure your order is processed in time to avoid a service interruption and to avoid losing your current home telephone number. Those Sprint Complete Sense customers who have not made arrangements for local service from other providers will be disconnected from local services on September 28, 2005 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Generally, you can find a list of most local service providers in your local telephone directory. You can contact one of our customer service representatives at 1-800-882-7802 if you have questions or need assistance. For USAA members, please contact 1-866-464-8722 if you have questions.

You will have the opportunity to subscribe to the long-distance provider of your choice once you select your new local service provider. After you have established local service with your new provider, please contact Sprint at 1-800-PIN-DROP to establish long-distance savings plans with Sprint.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the §63.71 Application of Sprint Communications Company L.P. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Thank you for choosing Sprint Complete Sense service. It has been our privilege to provide this service to you, and we look forward to continuing to provide you long-distance services in the future.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR ACCOUNT

July 28, 2005

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Dear Customer:

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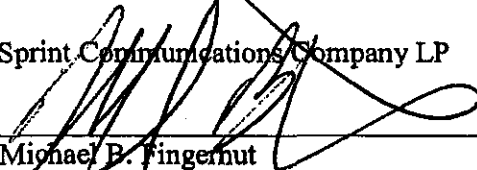
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